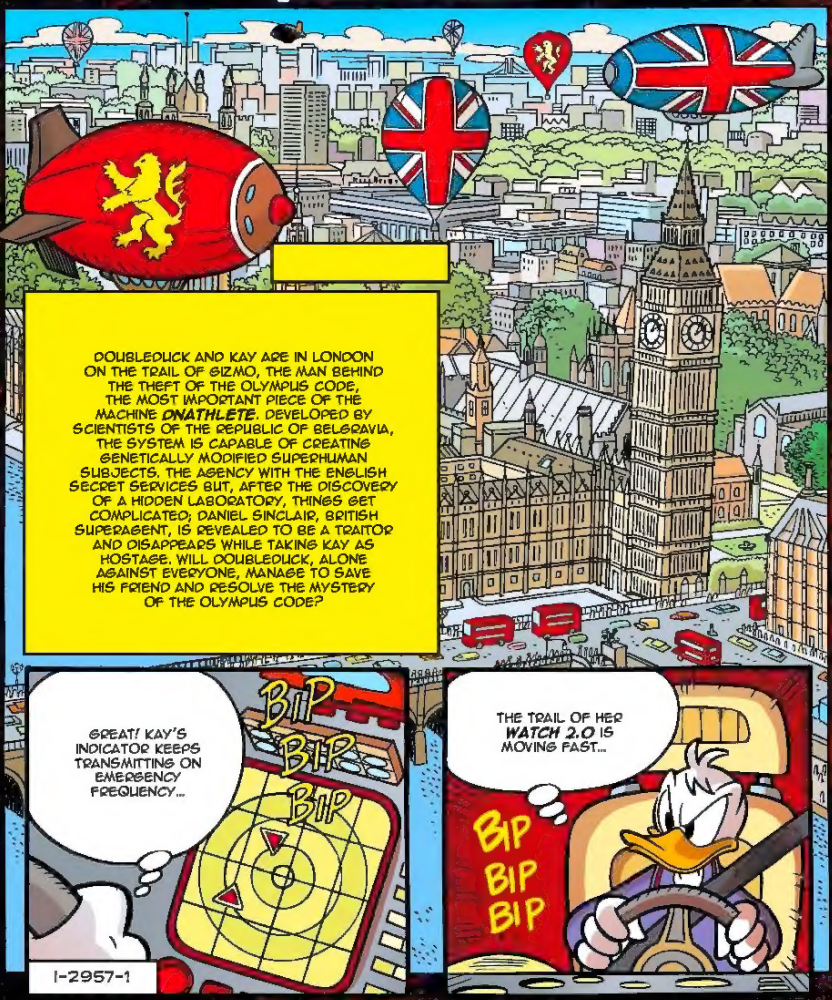
DOUBLEDUCK

CODICE OLIMPO

QUARTO EPISODIO


DOUBLEDUCK AND KAY ARE IN LONDON ON THE TRAIL OF GIZMO, THE MAN BEHIND THE THEFT OF THE OLYMPUS CODE, THE MOST IMPORTANT PIECE OF THE MACHINE DNATHLETE. DEVELOPED BY SCIENTISTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF BELGRAVIA, THE SYSTEM IS CAPABLE OF CREATING GENETICALLY MODIFIED SUPERHUMAN SUBJECTS. THE AGENCY WITH THE ENGLISH SECRET SERVICES BUT, AFTER THE DISCOVERY OF A HIDDEN LABORATORY, THINGS GET COMPLICATED; DANIEL SINCLAIR, BRITISH SUPERAGENT, IS REVEALED TO BE A TRAITOR AND DISAPPEARS WHILE TAKING KAY AS HOSTAGE. WILL DOUBLEDUCK, ALONE AGAINST EVERYONE, MANAGE TO SAVE HIS FRIEND AND RESOLVE THE MYSTERY OF THE OLYMPUS CODE?
GREAT! KAY'S INDICATOR KEEPS TRANSMITTING ON EMERGENCY FREQUENCY...
BIP BIP BIP
I-2957-1
THE TRAIL OF HER WATCH 2.0 IS MOVING FAST...
BIP BIP BIP

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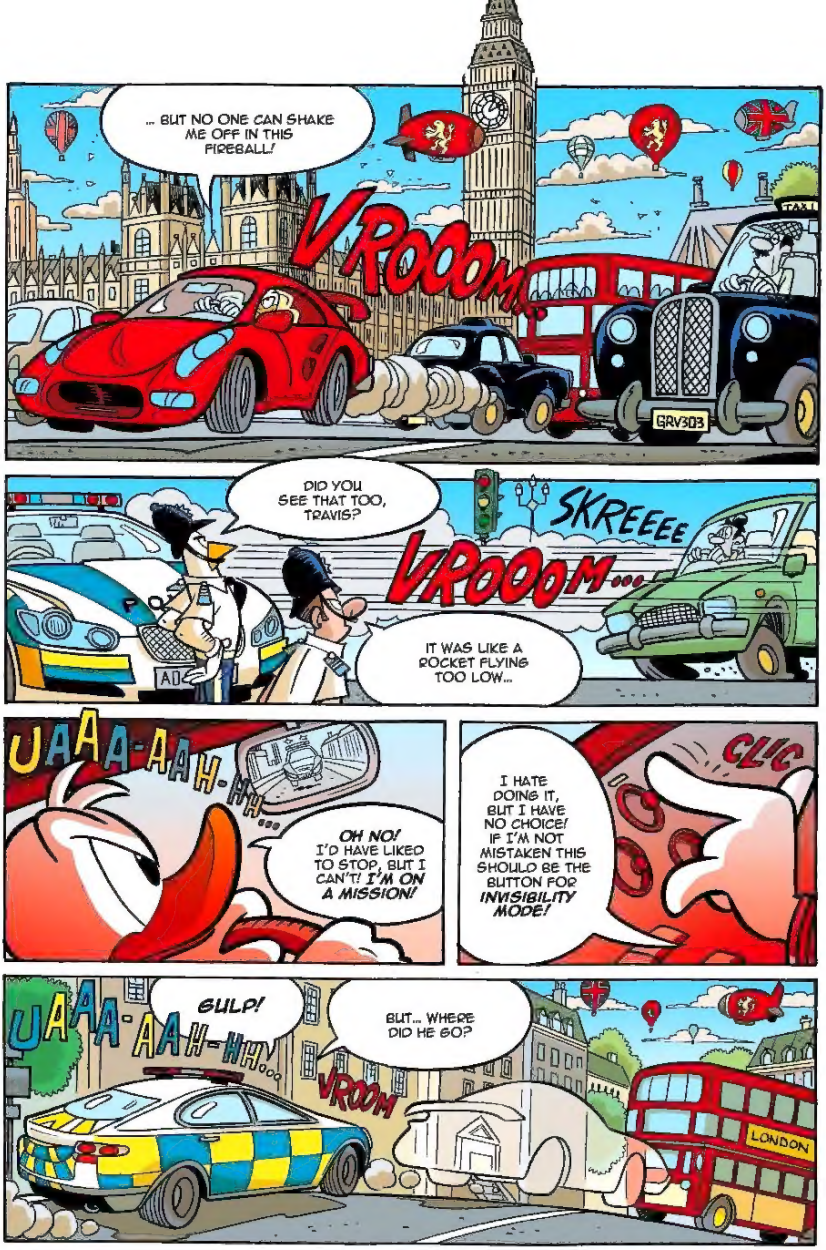
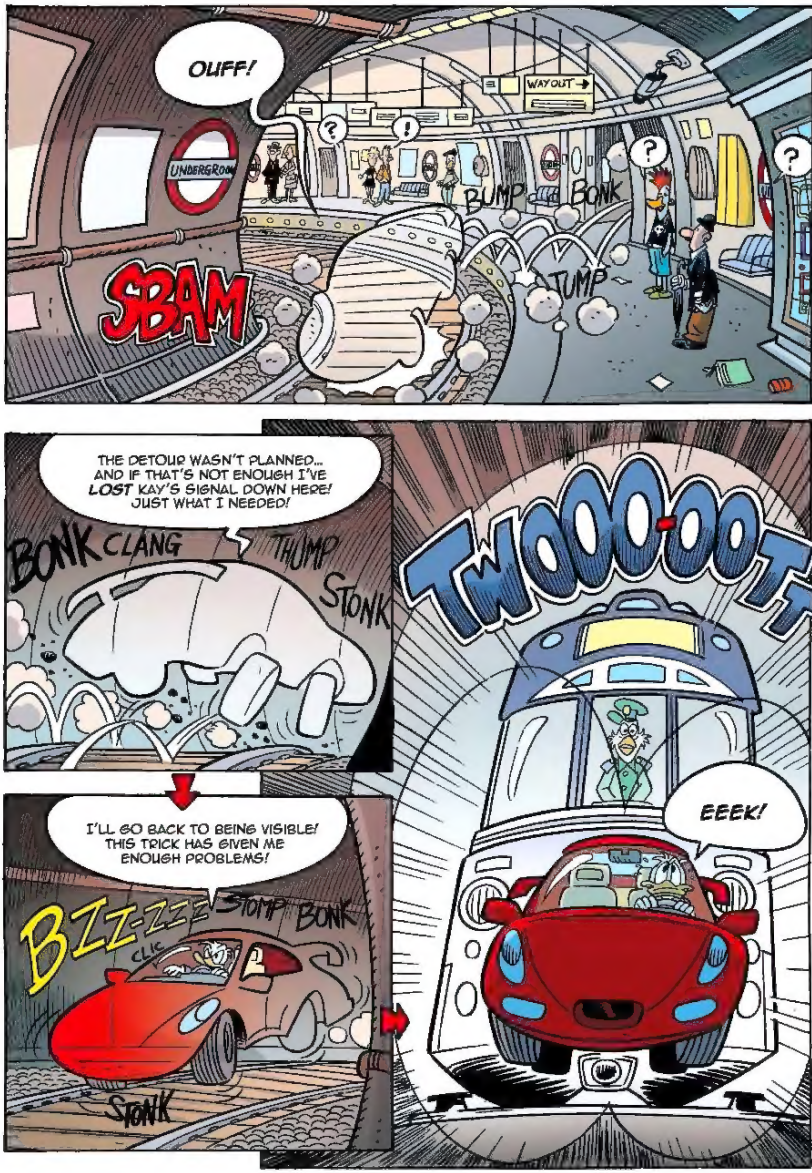
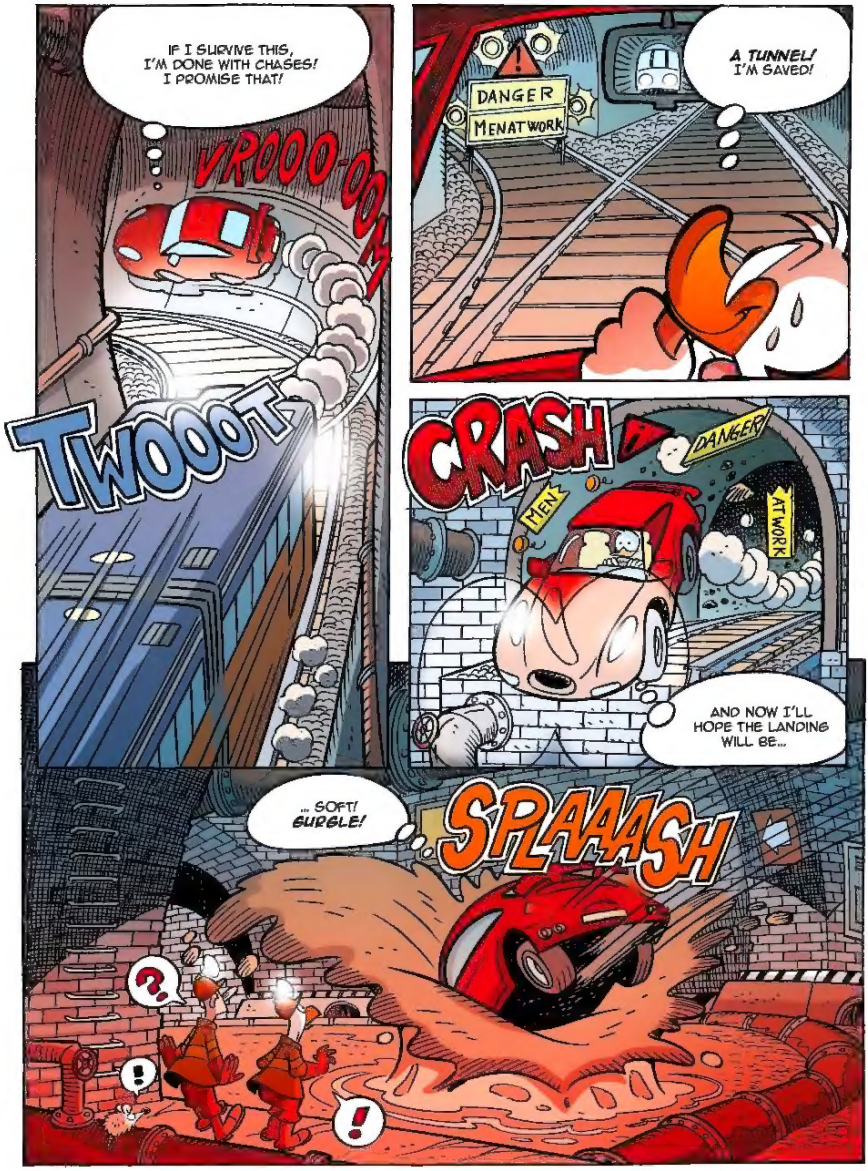
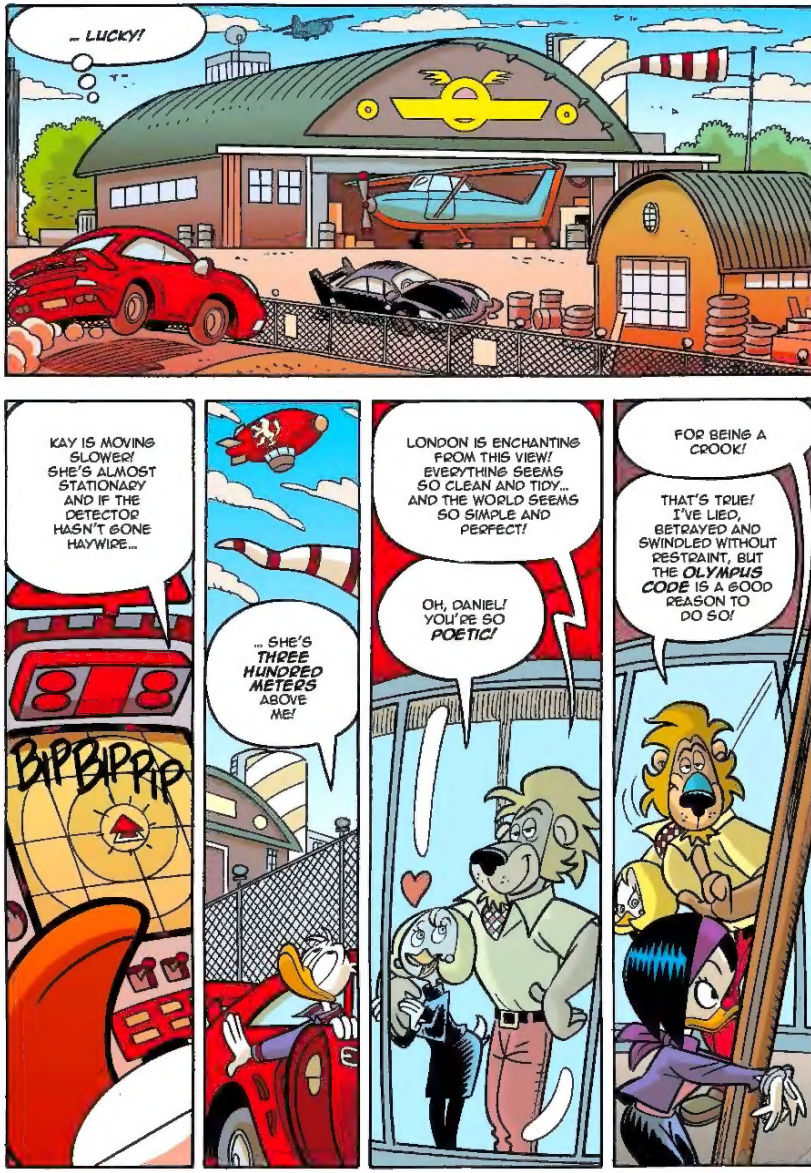

... BUT NO ONE CAN SHAKE ME OFF IN THIS FIREBALL!
VROOOM...
TAXI
GRV303
DID YOU SEE THAT TOO, TRAVIS?
SKREEEE
VROOOM...
IT WAS LIKE A ROCKET FLYING TOO LOW...
AD
UAAA-AAH-HH...
OH NO! I'D HAVE LIKED TO STOP, BUT I CAN'T! I'M ON A MISSION!
I HATE DOING IT, BUT I HAVE NO CHOICE! IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN THIS SHOULD BE THE BUTTON FOR INVISIBILITY MODE!
CLIC
GULP!
UAAA-AAH-HH...
BUT... WHERE DID HE GO?
VROOM
LONDON

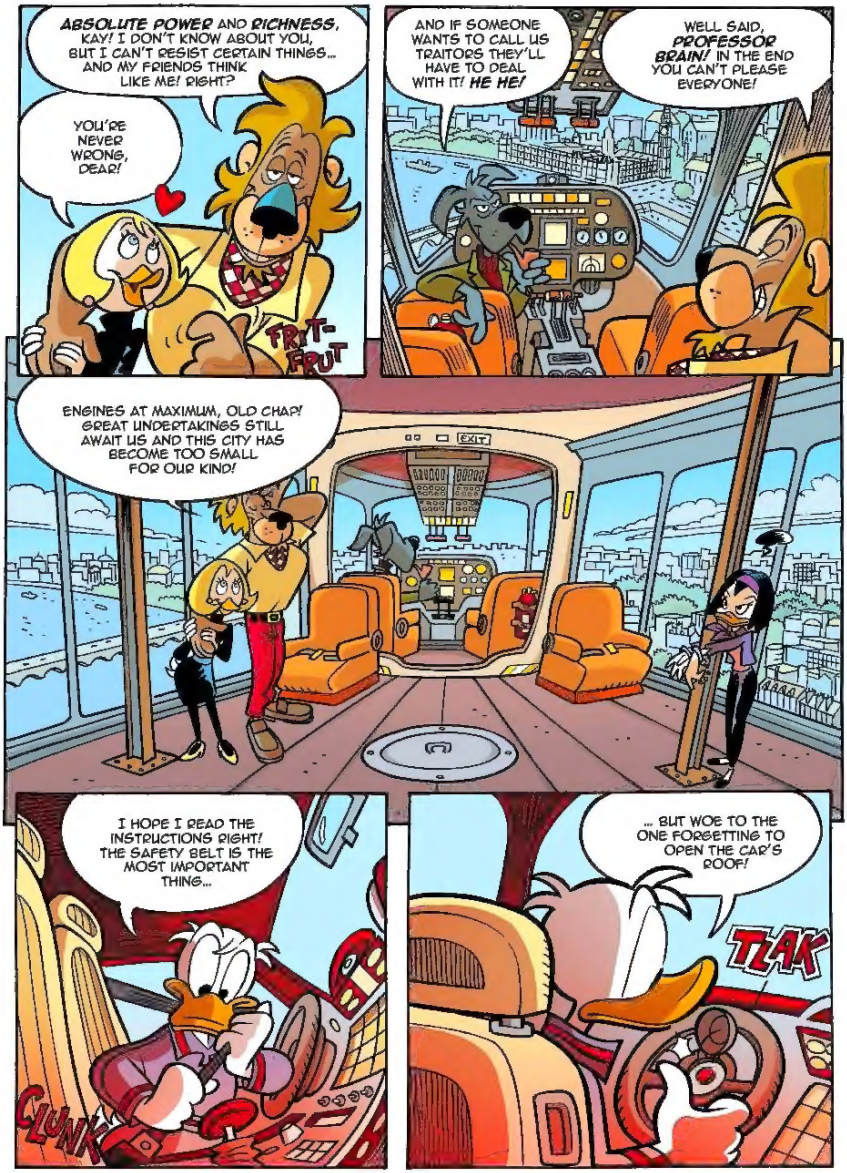
HE HE! IT WORKED! THIS CAR'S GOT QUITE SOME BUTTONS!
VROOOM...
EEEEK! WHERE'S HE GOING? DOESN'T HE SEE ME?
GRV 303
URGH! NEVER ASK QUESTIONS YOU ALREADY KNOW THE ANSWER TO! I WANNA TURN VISIBLE! I WANNA TURN VISIBLE!
PUBLIC
UNDERGROUND
SUBWAY
VROOOM
SKREEEEE
SBONK
WOFWOF
GET OUT OF THE WAY!
CRASH
VROOOM...
OUCH! OW! AW! URGH!
BONK
TUMP
TONK
BUMP

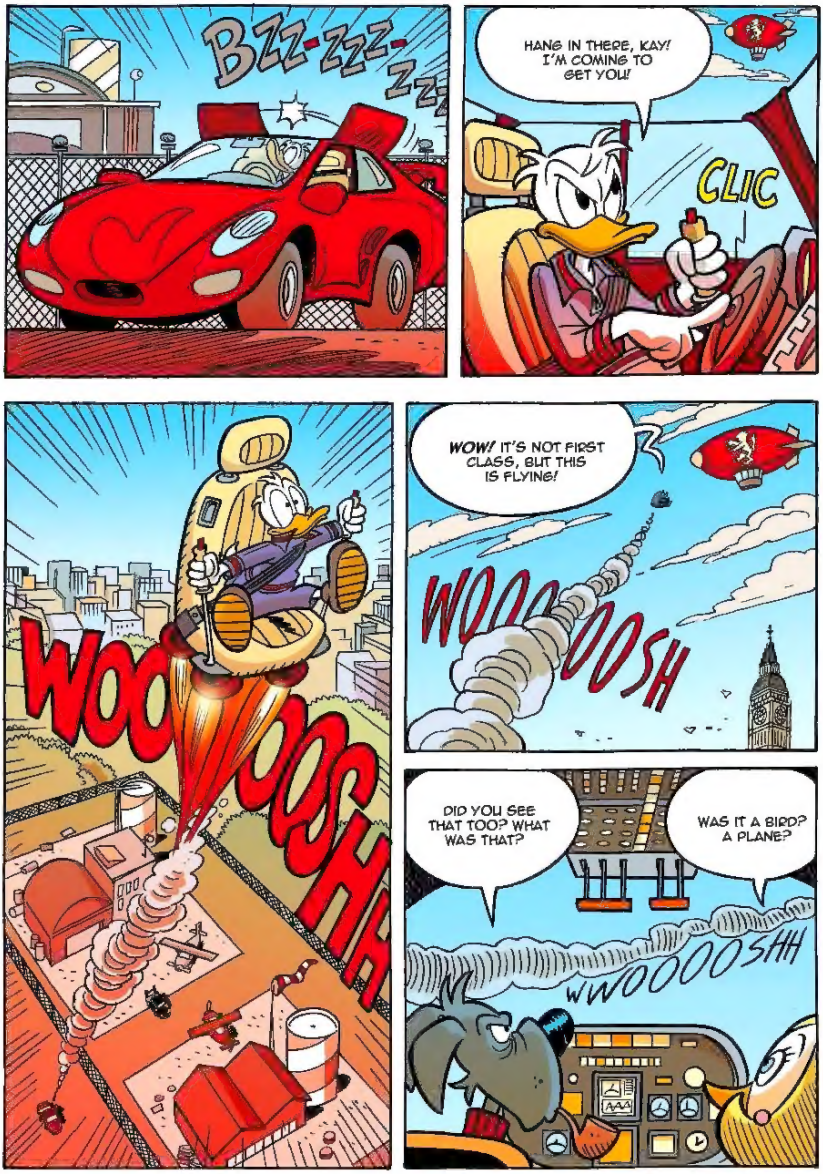

OUFF!
UNDERGROUND
WAY OUT
SBAM
BUMP
BONK
JUMP
THE DETOUR WASN'T PLANNED... AND IF THAT'S NOT ENOUGH I'VE LOST KAY'S SIGNAL DOWN HERE! JUST WHAT I NEEDED!
BONK
CLANG
THUMP
STONK
TWOOO-OOTT
EEEK!
I'LL GO BACK TO BEING VISIBLE! THIS TRICK HAS GIVEN ME ENOUGH PROBLEMS!
BZZ-ZZZ
STOMP
BONK
CLIC
STONK


IF I SURVIVE THIS, I'M DONE WITH CHASES! I PROMISE THAT!
VROOO-OOM
TWOOOT
DANGER
MEN AT WORK
A TUNNEL! I'M SAVED!
CRASH
DANGER!
MEN
AT WORK
AND NOW I'LL HOPE THE LANDING WILL BE...
... SOFT! GURGLE!
SPLAAASH
?
!
!

EHEM... EXCUSE ME, GOOD MAN... I'M AFRAID I'VE LOST MY WAY! COULD YOU POINT ME TO THE EXIT WITHOUT ASKING QUESTIONS?
F-FOLLOW THE CANAL! AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL YOU'LL FIND THE RIVER, YOU CAN'T MISS IT!
EVERYTHING'S GONNA GET COMPLICATED IF I DON'T RECOVER KAY'S TRAIL FAST...
WROOO-OOM
... AND THE LAST THING I NEED CONSIDERING THE CURRENT SITUATION IS A DOUBLE PORTION OF TROUBLE!
SBRANG
YES! IT'S HER! THE SIGNAL'S BACK... AND CLOSER THAN EVER!
BIP-BIP BIP
THIS SHORTCUT PROVED PROVIDENTIAL! NOT EVEN GLADSTONE WOULD HAVE BEEN SO...
VOTE
VROOOOOO


... LUCKY!
KAY IS MOVING SLOWER! SHE'S ALMOST STATIONARY AND IF THE DETECTOR HASN'T GONE HAYWIRE...
BIP BIP BIP
... SHE'S THREE HUNDRED METERS ABOVE ME!
LONDON IS ENCHANTING FROM THIS VIEW! EVERYTHING SEEMS SO CLEAN AND TIDY... AND THE WORLD SEEMS SO SIMPLE AND PERFECT!
OH, DANIEL! YOU'RE SO POETIC!
FOR BEING A CROOK!
THAT'S TRUE! I'VE LIED, BETRAYED AND SWINDLED WITHOUT RESTRAINT, BUT THE OLYMPUS CODE IS A GOOD REASON TO DO SO!

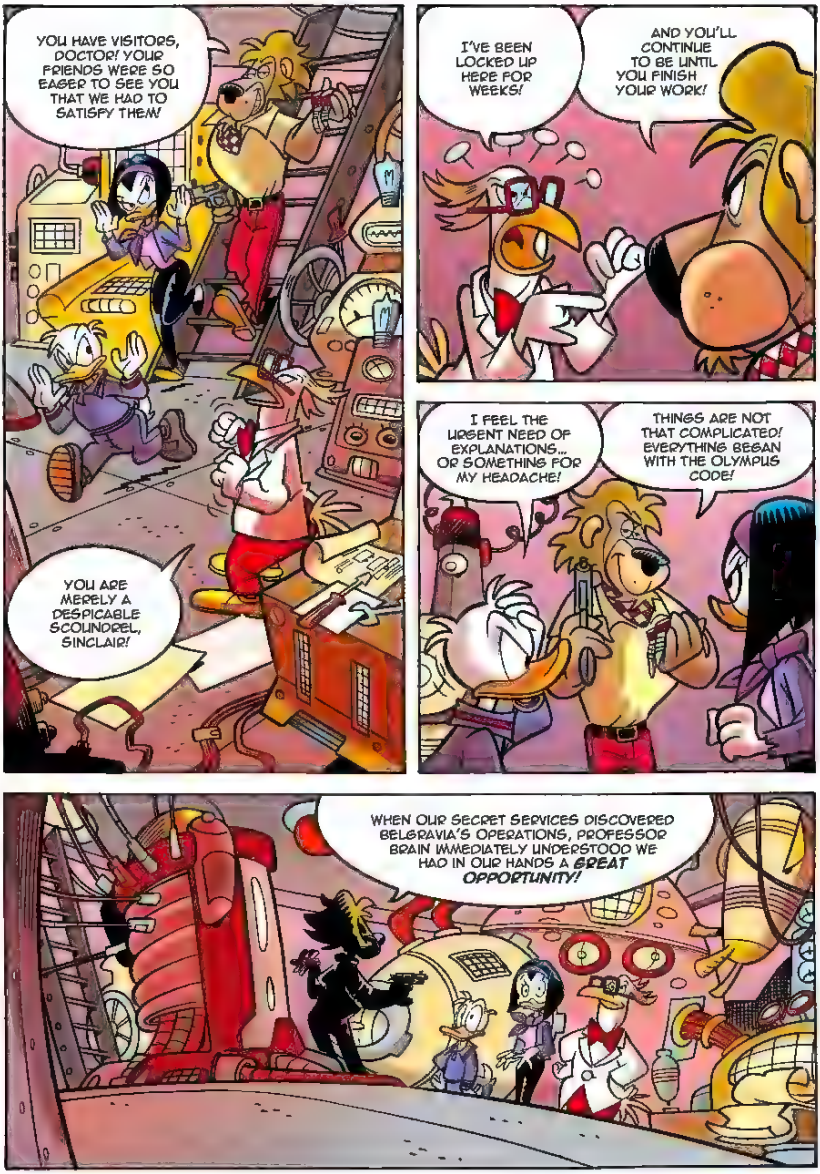

ABSOLUTE POWER AND RICHNESS, KAY! I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU, BUT I CAN'T RESIST CERTAIN THINGS... AND MY FRIENDS THINK LIKE ME! RIGHT?
YOU'RE NEVER WRONG, DEAR!
FRIT-FRUT
AND IF SOMEONE WANTS TO CALL US TRAITORS THEY'LL HAVE TO DEAL WITH IT! HE HE!
WELL SAID, PROFESSOR BRAIN! IN THE END YOU CAN'T PLEASE EVERYONE!
ENGINES AT MAXIMUM, OLD CHAP! GREAT UNDERTAKINGS STILL AWAIT US AND THIS CITY HAS BECOME TOO SMALL FOR OUR KIND!
EXIT
I HOPE I READ THE INSTRUCTIONS RIGHT! THE SAFETY BELT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING...
CLUNK
... BUT WOE TO THE ONE FORGETTING TO OPEN THE CAR'S ROOF!
TLAK

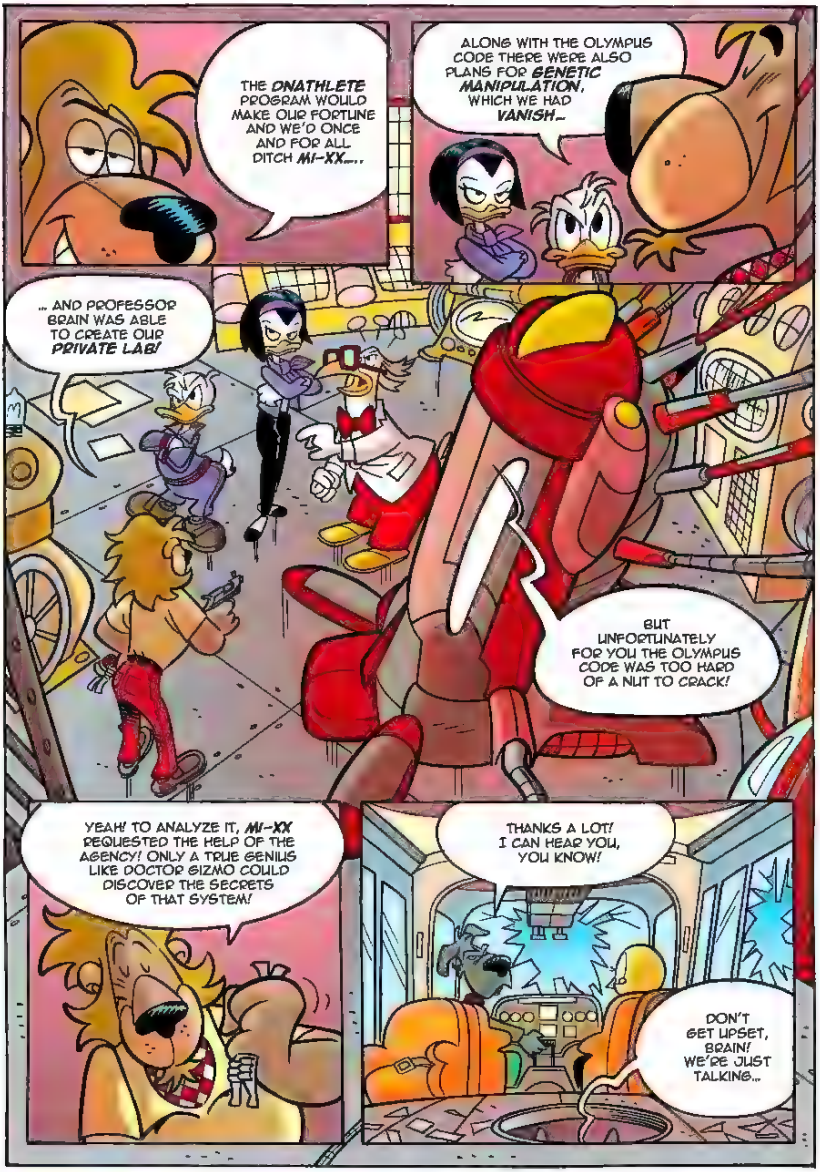

BZZ-ZZZ-ZZ
HANG IN THERE, KAY! I'M COMING TO GET YOU!
CLIC
WOOOOOSH
WOW! IT'S NOT FIRST CLASS, BUT THIS IS FLYING!
WOOOOOSH
DID YOU SEE THAT TOO? WHAT WAS THAT?
WAS IT A BIRD? A PLANE?
WWOOOOSHH

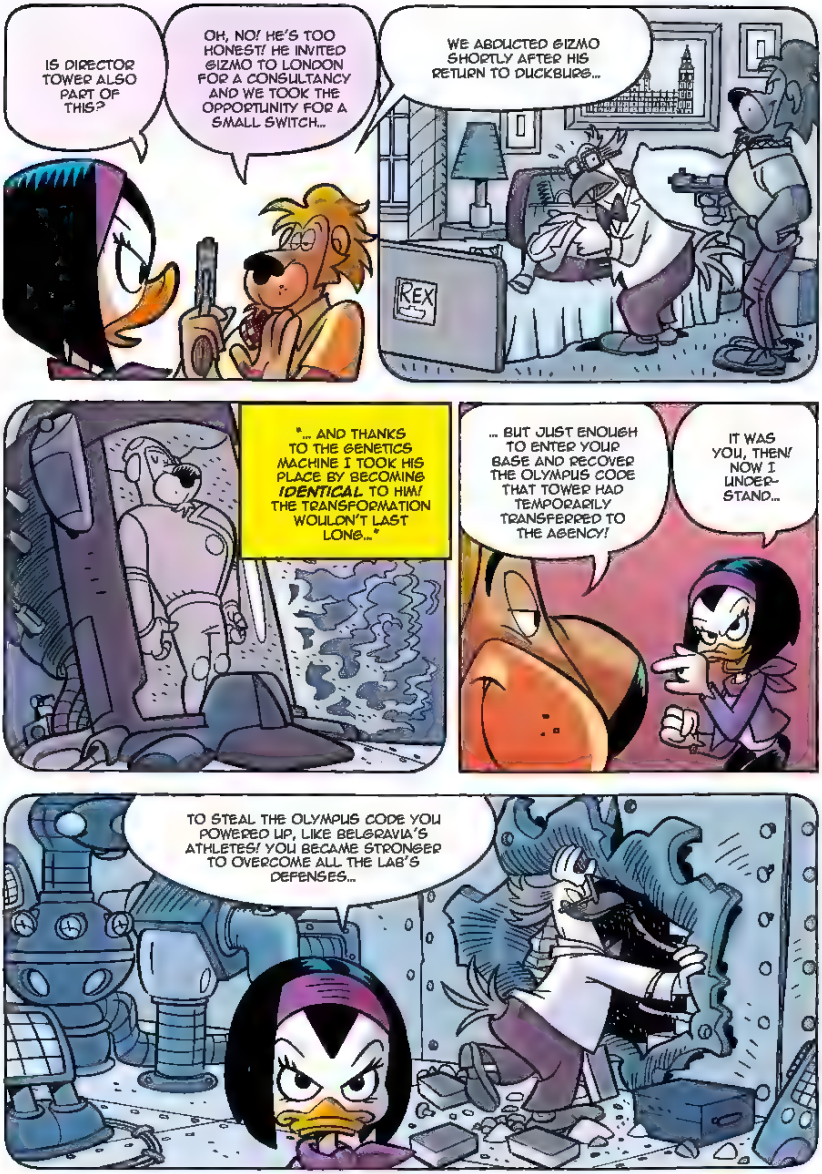
EXIT
KRASHHH
IT'S DOUBLE-DUCK!
BUT... WHERE'D HE GO?
CRASH
ZOOOW
EYES OPEN, PENNYMOON! FILL HIM WITH LEAD WHEN YOU SEE HIM!
EXIT
SKA-
CRASHH
!
?
?
YEOW!

WELCOME...
SORRY I'M LATE, KAY! I HAD SOME TROUBLE WITH THE LANDING! HAVEN'T GOT THE HANG OF IT YET...
YOU'D HAVE DONE BETTER STAYING IN YOUR PLACE, DUCK!
AND WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
THEY'RE THE BAD GUYS, DOUBLEDUCK!
I THOUGHT THEY WERE JUST *UNPLEASANT!*
HOW DID YOU GET UP HERE?
WITH THE HELP OF MY WATCH 2.0! THE AGENCY'S GADGETS WORK GREAT, SEE!
THAT STUPID GIMMICK! HOW SILLY FOR US TO HAVE FORGOTTEN! REMOVE THE WATCHES FROM THESE TWO MEDDLERS, PENNYMOON!
NO FALSE MOVES, GIRL! IT WILL ONLY TAKE A MOMENT...
SPLENDID...
CLUNK

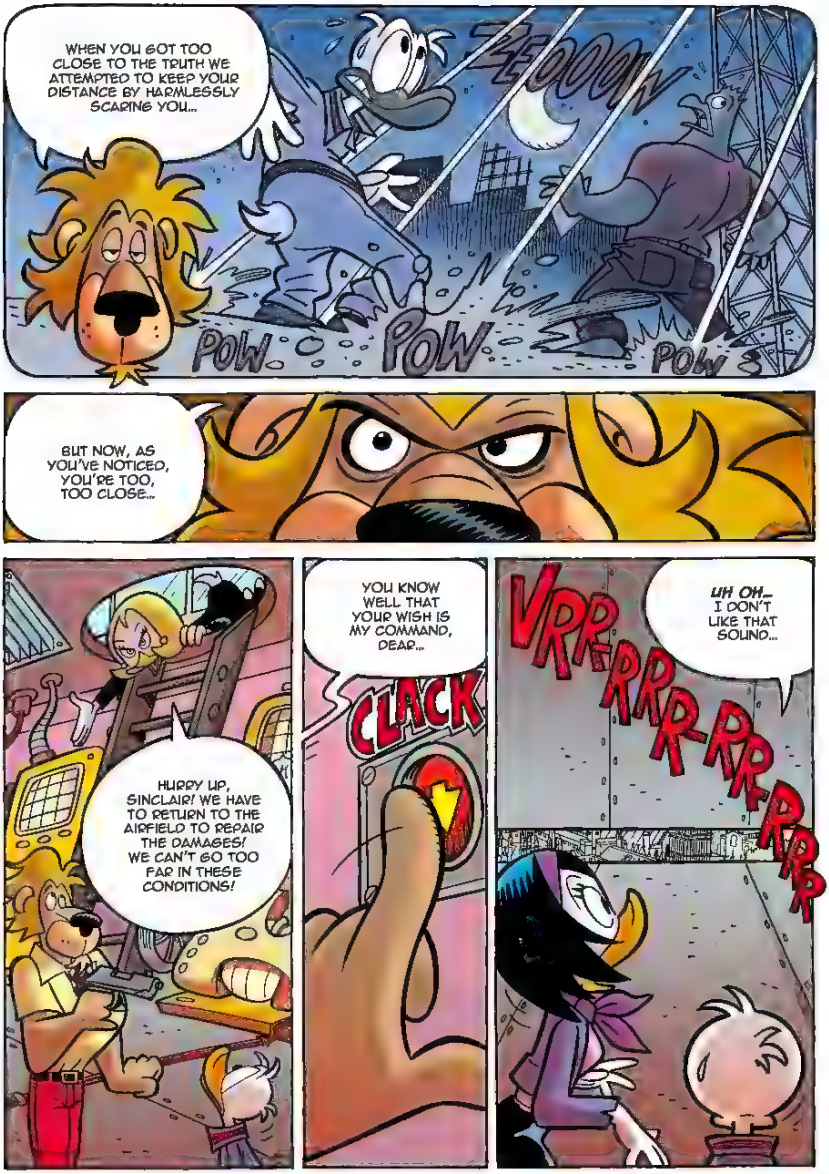
... THAT WILL SUFFICE!
UNGH!
WHAK
WHAT A SHAME, SINCLAIR! THINGS ARE LOOKING BAD FOR YOU...
ZAK
BLAIIN
DON'T BE SO SURE OF THAT, DOUBLEDUCK! LOWER THOSE WEAPONS...
?
!
GIZMO!
... OR SOMETHING DISPLEASING COULD HAPPEN TO MY COLLEAGUE!
CLANG
KAY! DOUBLEDUCK! WHAT JOY TO SEE YOU AGAIN!


YOU HAVE VISITORS, DOCTOR! YOUR FRIENDS WERE SO EAGER TO SEE YOU THAT WE HAD TO SATISFY THEM!
YOU ARE MERELY A DESPICABLE SCOUNDREL, SINCLAIR!
I'VE BEEN LOCKED UP HERE FOR WEEKS!
AND YOU'LL CONTINUE TO BE UNTIL YOU FINISH YOUR WORK!
I FEEL THE URGENT NEED OF EXPLANATIONS... OR SOMETHING FOR MY HEADACHE!
THINGS ARE NOT THAT COMPLICATED! EVERYTHING BEGAN WITH THE OLYMPUS CODE!
WHEN OUR SECRET SERVICES DISCOVERED BELGRAVIA'S OPERATIONS, PROFESSOR BRAIN IMMEDIATELY UNDERSTOOD WE HAD IN OUR HANDS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY!


THE DNATHLETE PROGRAM WOULD MAKE OUR FORTUNE AND WE'D ONCE AND FOR ALL DITCH MI-XX....
ALONG WITH THE OLYMPUS CODE THERE WERE ALSO PLANS FOR GENETIC MANIPULATION, WHICH WE HAD VANISH...
... AND PROFESSOR BRAIN WAS ABLE TO CREATE OUR PRIVATE LAB!
BUT UNFORTUNATELY FOR YOU THE OLYMPUS CODE WAS TOO HARD OF A NUT TO CRACK!
YEAH! TO ANALYZE IT, MI-XX REQUESTED THE HELP OF THE AGENCY! ONLY A TRUE GENIUS LIKE DOCTOR GIZMO COULD DISCOVER THE SECRETS OF THAT SYSTEM!
THANKS A LOT! I CAN HEAR YOU, YOU KNOW!
DON'T GET UPSET, BRAIN! WE'RE JUST TALKING...

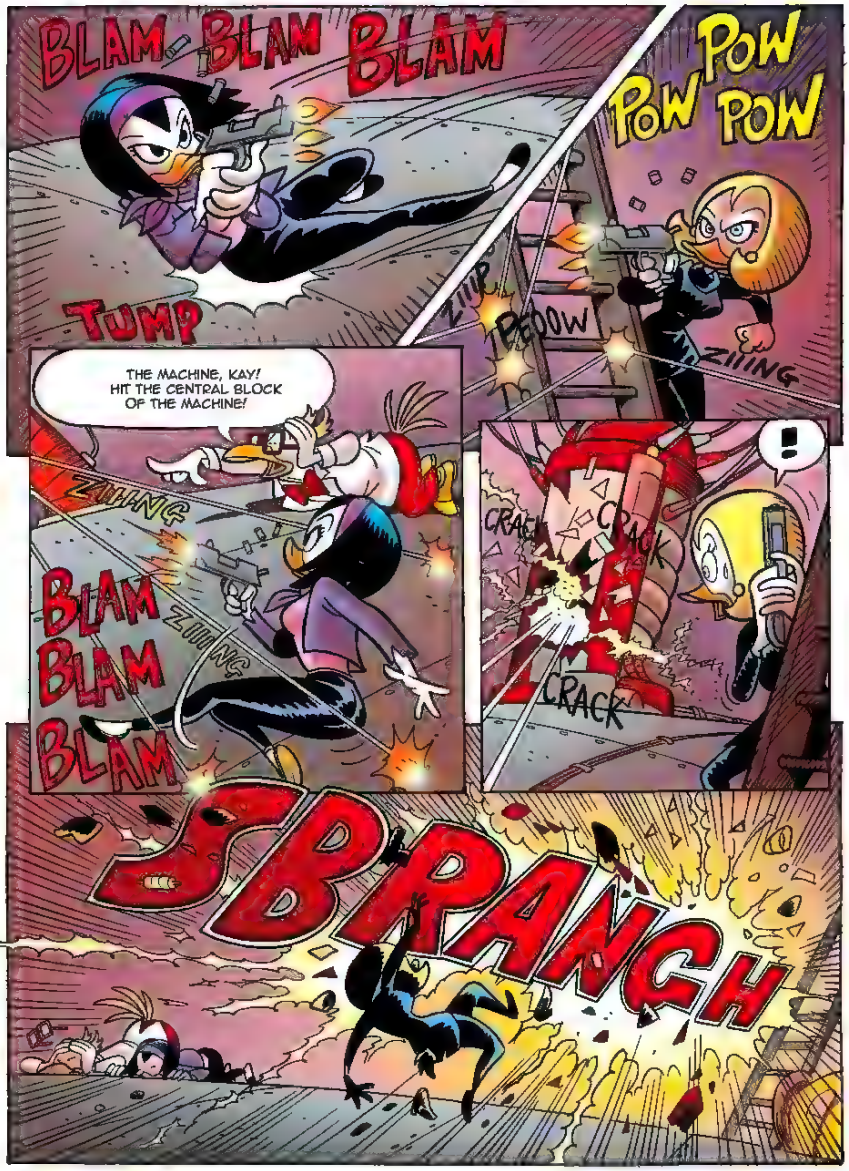

IS DIRECTOR TOWER ALSO PART OF THIS?
OH, NO! HE'S TOO HONEST! HE INVITED GIZMO TO LONDON FOR A CONSULTANCY AND WE TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A SMALL SWITCH...
WE ABDUCTED GIZMO SHORTLY AFTER HIS RETURN TO DUCKBURG...
REX
"... AND THANKS TO THE GENETICS MACHINE I TOOK HIS PLACE BY BECOMING IDENTICAL TO HIM! THE TRANSFORMATION WOULDN'T LAST LONG..."
... BUT JUST ENOUGH TO ENTER YOUR BASE AND RECOVER THE OLYMPUS CODE THAT TOWER HAD TEMPORARILY TRANSFERRED TO THE AGENCY!
IT WAS YOU, THEN! NOW I UNDER-STAND...
TO STEAL THE OLYMPUS CODE YOU POWERED UP, LIKE BELGRAVIA'S ATHLETES! YOU BECAME STRONGER TO OVERCOME ALL THE LAB'S DEFENSES...

BUT I HADN'T TAKEN GIZMO'S LITTLE TRICK INTO ACCOUNT! BETWEEN ONE PASSWORD AND ANOTHER HE HAD FORGOTTEN SO I'D TRIGGER THE ALARM...
... A SMALL TRAP THAT WASN'T ENOUGH TO STOP ME!
ENTER PERSONNEL VERIFICATION SEQUENCE IN FIVE SECONDS. FOUR. THREE. TWO. ONE...
HUH? A V-VERIFICATION SEQUENCE? SINCE WHEN'S THAT NECESSARY? I'M DOCTOR GIZMO!
IT WASN'T EASY... BUT WHAT MATTERS IS THAT THE OLYMPUS CODE IS NOW IN OUR HANDS!
SO MUCH EFFORT FOR THIS LITTLE BOX...
YEAH! AND THERE WAS ALSO THE INCIDENT WITH THAT IDIOT MORGENSEN!
"BUT CONTINGENCIES DO NOT FRIGHTEN US! MISS PENNYMOON ALWAYS KEEPS AN EYE ON THE SITUATION..."
"... AND WHEN THINGS WERE IN THE RISK OF TAKING A WRONG TURN SHE WAS READY TO INTERVENE!"

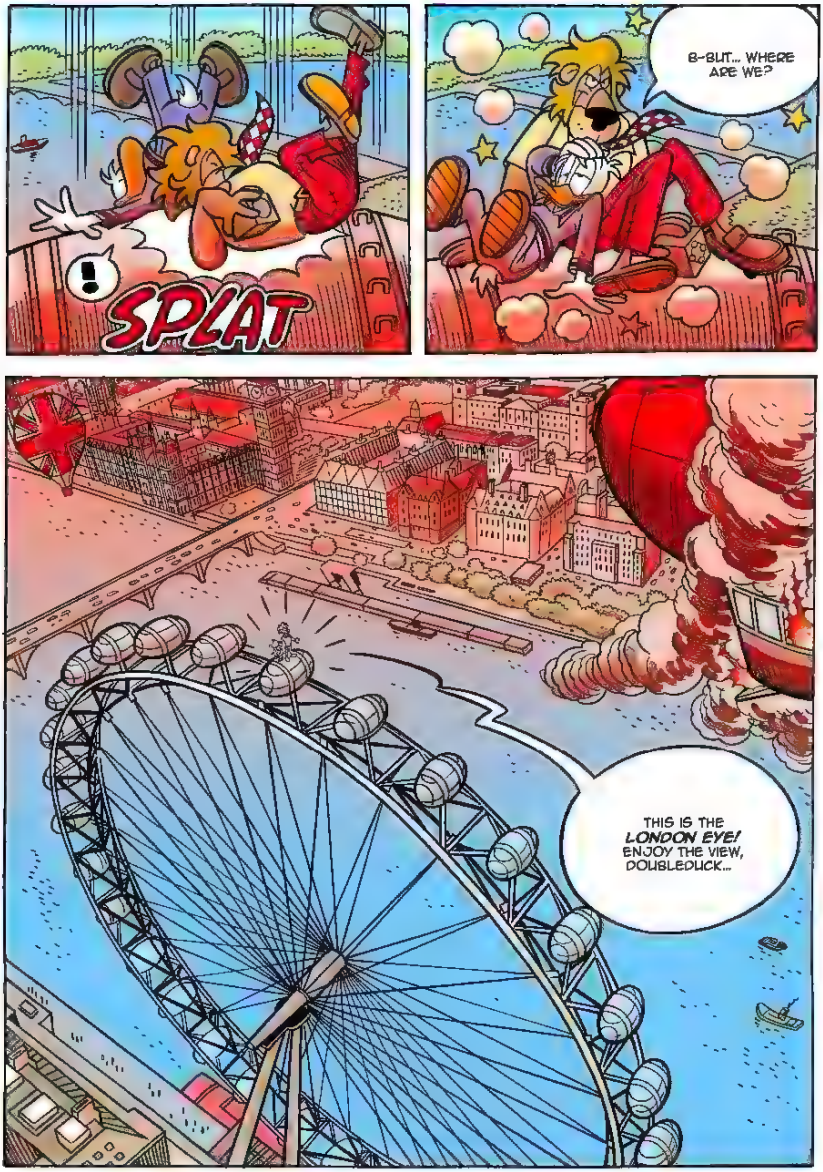

WHEN YOU GOT TOO CLOSE TO THE TRUTH WE ATTEMPTED TO KEEP YOUR DISTANCE BY HARMLESSLY SCARING YOU...
ZEOOOW
POW
POW
POW
BUT NOW, AS YOU'VE NOTICED, YOU'RE TOO, TOO CLOSE...
HURRY UP, SINCLAIR! WE HAVE TO RETURN TO THE AIRFIELD TO REPAIR THE DAMAGES! WE CAN'T GO TOO FAR IN THESE CONDITIONS!
YOU KNOW WELL THAT YOUR WISH IS MY COMMAND, DEAR...
CLACK
VRR-RRR-RR-RR-RRR
UH OH... I DON'T LIKE THAT SOUND...

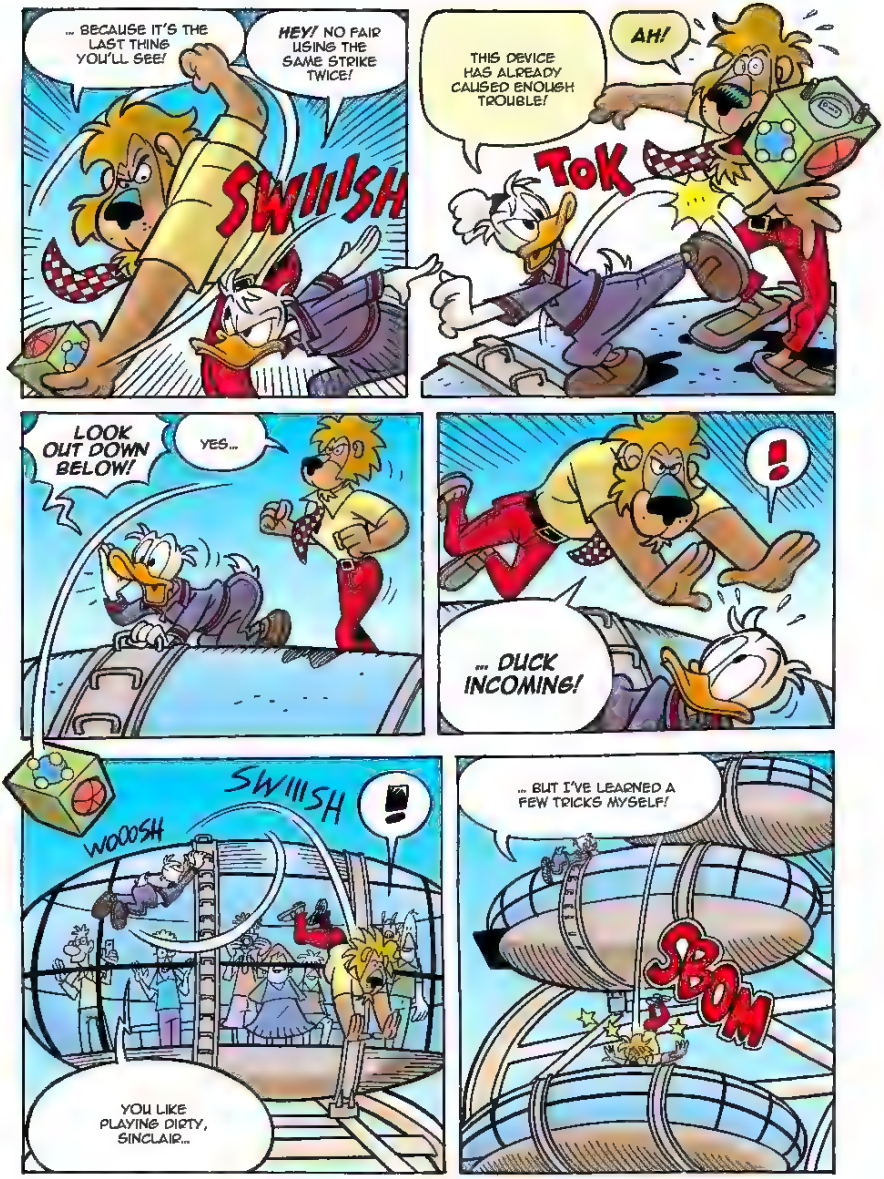
WAIT TILL YOU HEAR THE SOUND OF YOU HITTING THE GROUND! NOW JUMP!
WITHOUT PARACHUTES? THAT WOULD BE HORRIBLY BAD!
YES, THAT'S MORE OR LESS THE IDEA! YOU'RE ABOUT TO END YOUR CAREER WITH A BANG... OR WOULD THAT BE A SPLAT?
WHAT DO YOU SAY ABOUT A CRACK?
TAP
I BET THAT'S THE SOUND THE OLYMPUS CODE WILL MAKE WHEN GOING INTO A THOUSAND PIECES!
Y-YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS! PUT THAT DOWN DELICATELY, DOCTOR!
IF YOU WANT IT THAT MUCH, TAKE IT! IT'S ALL YOURS!
NO!
SWITISH
BUMP

ZOMP
TAP
NNNGH!
TUMP
NICE PLUNGE... BUT YOU FORGOT YOUR GUN! YOU DON'T MIND IF WE BORROW IT?
GRRR...
DONG
IGH!
YOU TALK TOO MUCH, DUCK! HAVE YOU EVER BEEN TOLD THAT?
SWIIISH
?
!
TAP
YEOW!
DAMN! THE PRISONERS ARE FREE!
GET DOWN, GIZMO!

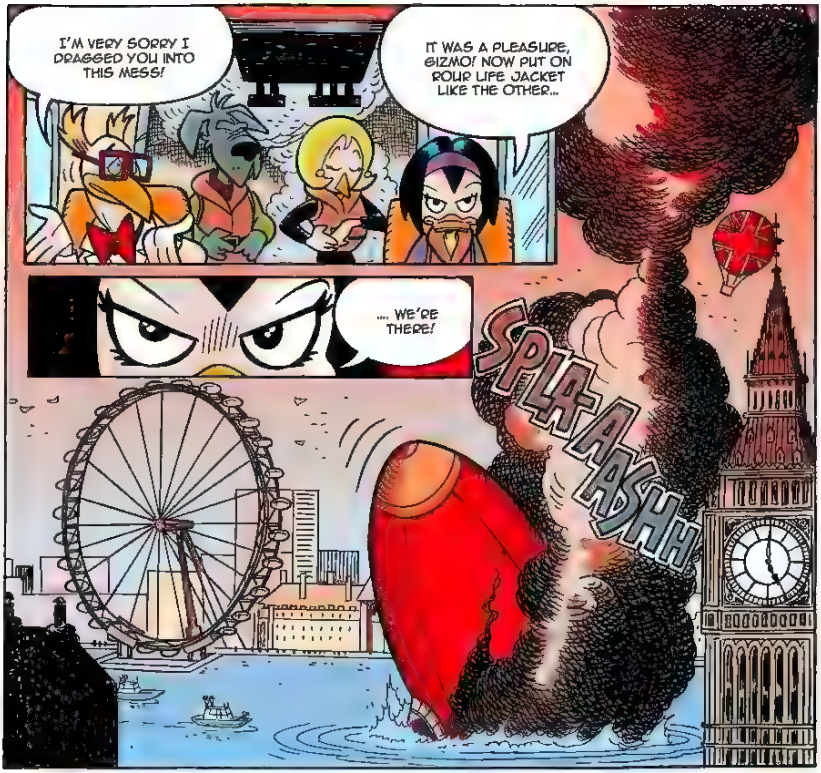

BLAM BLAM BLAM
TUMP
POW POW POW
ZIIP
PEOOW
ZIIING
THE MACHINE, KAY! HIT THE CENTRAL BLOCK OF THE MACHINE!
ZIIING
BLAM BLAM BLAM
ZIIING
!
CRACK
CRACK
CRACK
SBRANCH

BOOO
OOOM
URGH... I CAN'T HOLD ON MUCH LONGER, DOUBLE-DUCK!
COUGH! COUGH! SHE'S UNCONSCIOUS, BUT ALRIGHT...
LEAVE HER TO ME! WE HAVE TO GET TO THE HELM AND GET BACK ON GROUND BEFORE THE FLAMES DEVOUR THE BLIMP!
WHAT THE HECK HAPPENED? THAT EXPLOSION...
THEY'RE THE FIREWORKS OF THE GRAND FINALE, PROFESSOR BRAIN! MEANING THE PARTY'S OVER!
NO!
!
AAAH!


SPLAT
B-BUT... WHERE ARE WE?
THIS IS THE LONDON EYE! ENJOY THE VIEW, DOUBLEDUCK...

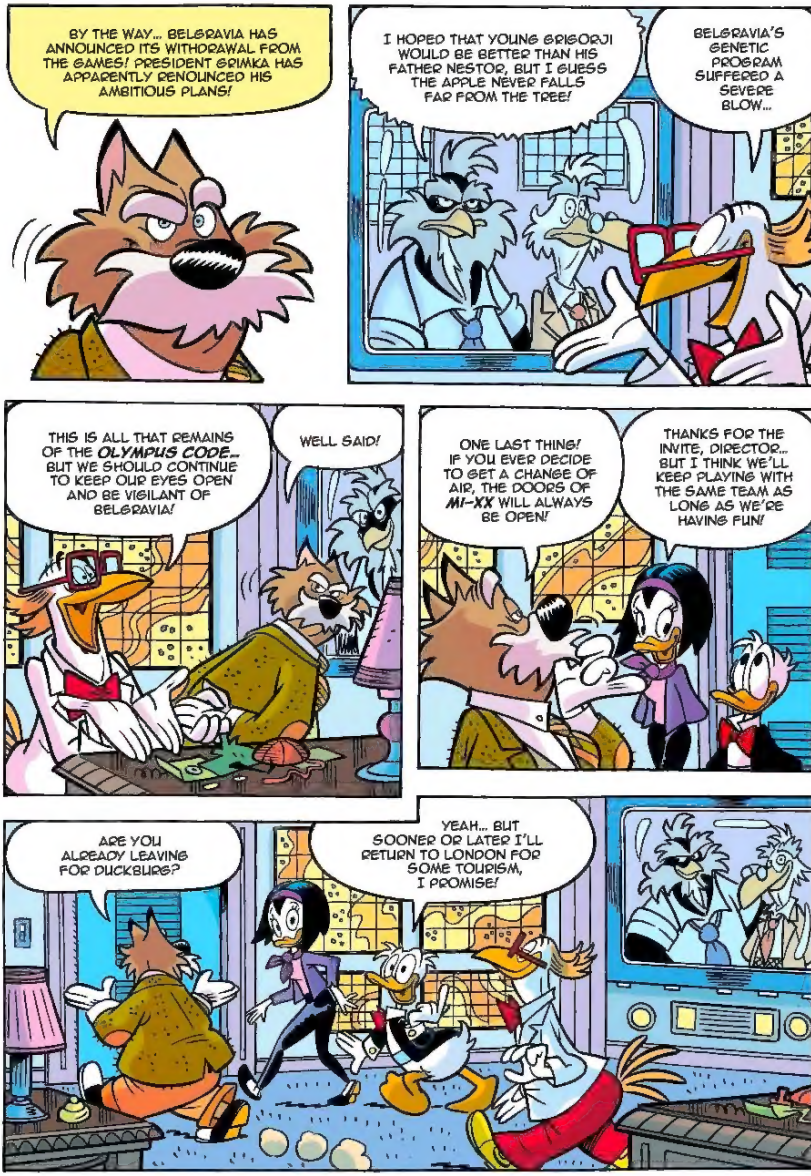

... BECAUSE IT'S THE LAST THING YOU'LL SEE!
HEY! NO FAIR USING THE SAME STRIKE TWICE!
SWIIISH
THIS DEVICE HAS ALREADY CAUSED ENOUGH TROUBLE!
AH!
TOK
LOOK OUT DOWN BELOW!
YES...
!
... DUCK INCOMING!
SWIIISH
!
WOOOSH
YOU LIKE PLAYING DIRTY, SINCLAIR...
... BUT I'VE LEARNED A FEW TRICKS MYSELF!
SBOM

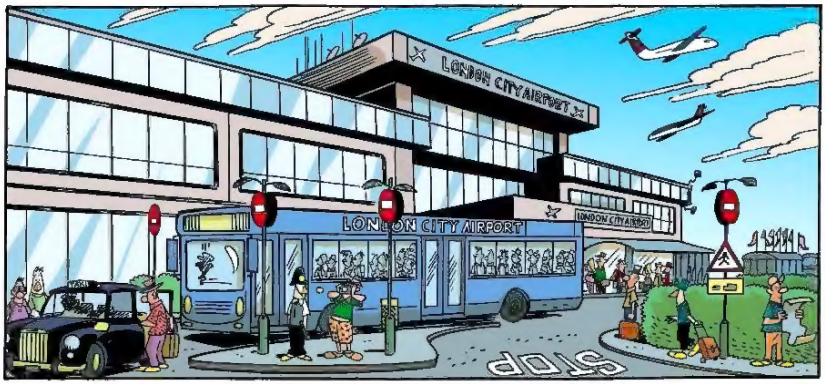
DOUBLE-DUCK DID IT!
THAT'S GOOD NEWS...
NOW WE GOTTA TRY GETTING AWAY TOO! WE MUST MOVE FROM THE CENTER OF THE CITY AT THE SPEED OF LIGHT...
AT THE SPEED OF LIGHT, SURE... BUT IT'D BE BETTER IF IT WAS QUICKER!
TAKE THAT GUY INTO CUSTODY AND DON'T LET HIM ESCAPE, OFFICER! I'LL BE BACK IN A JIFFY!
HOLD ON! YOU TWO ARE GONNA HAVE TO EXPLAIN A LOT OF THINGS!
KAY!
BOMP


I'M VERY SORRY I DRAGGED YOU INTO THIS MESS!
IT WAS A PLEASURE, GIZMO! NOW PUT ON YOUR LIFE JACKET LIKE THE OTHER...
.... WE'RE THERE!
SPLA-A-A-SHH

EVERYONE OUT, QUICK! THE CABIN WON'T STAY AFLOAT LONG!
CAN I OFFER YOU PEOPLE A RIDE? MAYBE WE'RE GOING THE SAME WAY!
!
POLICE
POLICE
POLICE

AND SO...
I DON'T KNOW WHERE TO BEGIN, REALLY...
... BUT I BELIEVE A THANK YOU WOULD BE A GOOD START, JAY J!
OH, YOU DON'T HAVE TO THANK ME, TOWER...
... BUT OUR HEAD H/ THE AGENCY'S DIRECTOR CALLED ME BACK INTO SERVICE TO FOLLOW THIS CASE!
YOU'D HAVE DONE THE SAME IN MY PLACE! YOU KNEW BEST OF ALL ABOUT THOSE BELGRAVIAN JOKERS...
... BUT TRUE CREDIT GOES TO OUR AGENTS! THEY FOILED AN INTERNATIONAL THREAT, ARRESTED THREE TRAITORS AND SAVED THE OLYMPICS!
SO, TOWER... WHO'S GOT THE WORLD'S BEST SECRET SERVICES?
NO NEED TO TRASH, JAY! ONE MUST KNOW HOW TO LOSE... BUT ONE MUST ALSO KNOW HOW TO WIN! DOESN'T THE OLYMPIC SPIRIT PERVADE EVEN A LITTLE?


BY THE WAY... BELGRAVIA HAS ANNOUNCED ITS WITHDRAWAL FROM THE GAMES! PRESIDENT GRIMKA HAS APPARENTLY RENOUNCED HIS AMBITIOUS PLANS!
I HOPED THAT YOUNG GRIGORJI WOULD BE BETTER THAN HIS FATHER NESTOR, BUT I GUESS THE APPLE NEVER FALLS FAR FROM THE TREE!
BELGRAVIA'S GENETIC PROGRAM SUFFERED A SEVERE BLOW...
THIS IS ALL THAT REMAINS OF THE OLYMPUS CODE... BUT WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO KEEP OUR EYES OPEN AND BE VIGILANT OF BELGRAVIA!
WELL SAID!
ONE LAST THING! IF YOU EVER DECIDE TO GET A CHANGE OF AIR, THE DOORS OF MI-XX WILL ALWAYS BE OPEN!
THANKS FOR THE INVITE, DIRECTOR... BUT I THINK WE'LL KEEP PLAYING WITH THE SAME TEAM AS LONG AS WE'RE HAVING FUN!
ARE YOU ALREADY LEAVING FOR DUCKBURG?
YEAH... BUT SOONER OR LATER I'LL RETURN TO LONDON FOR SOME TOURISM, I PROMISE!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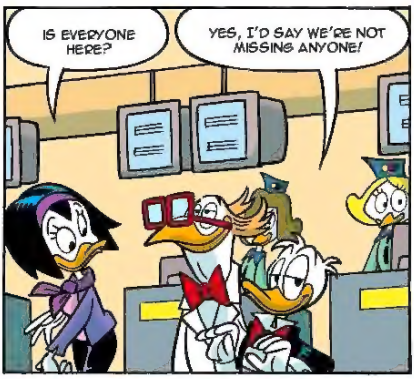
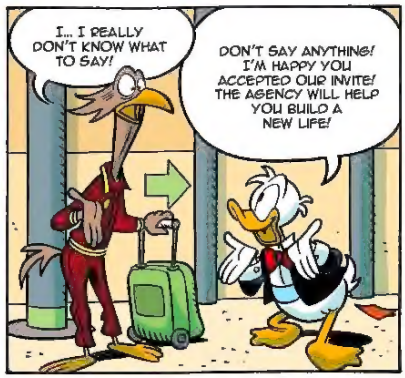
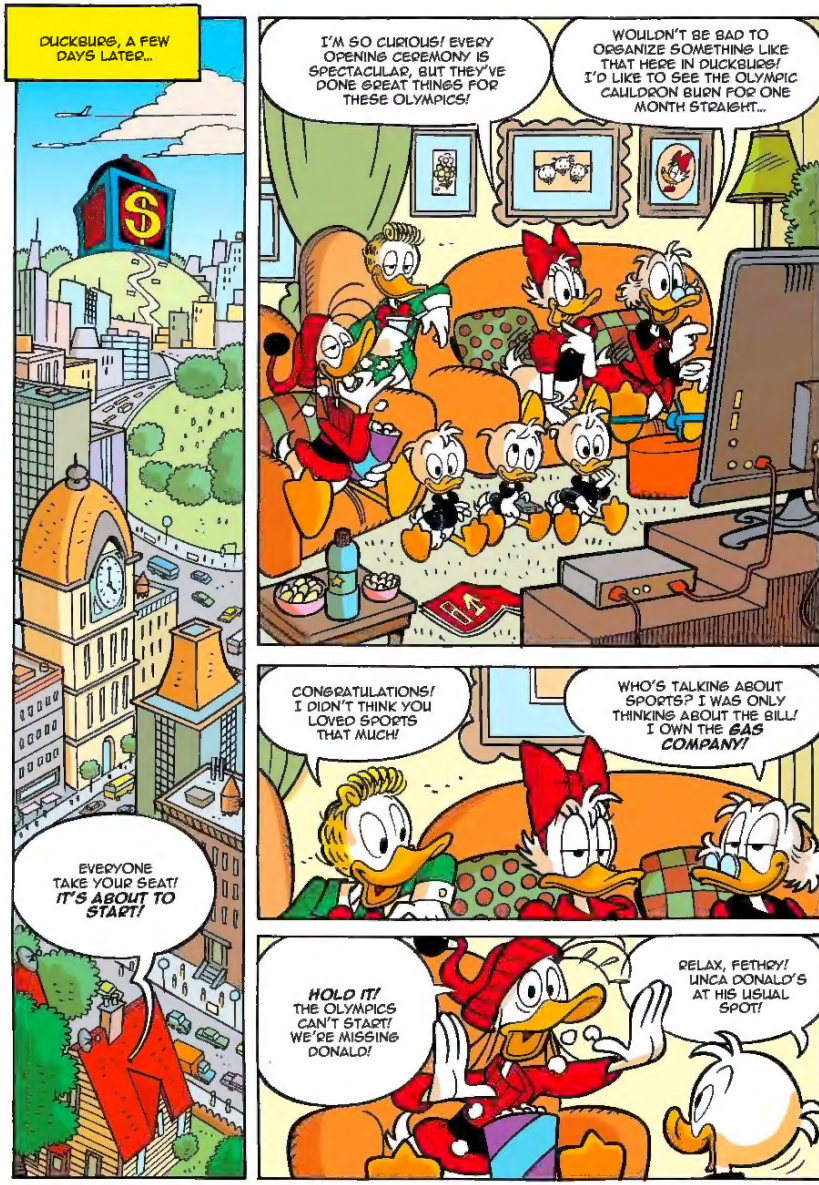
STOP


IS EVERYONE HERE?
YES, I'D SAY WE'RE NOT MISSING ANYONE!


I... I REALLY DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY!
DON'T SAY ANYTHING! I'M HAPPY YOU ACCEPTED OUR INVITE! THE AGENCY WILL HELP YOU BUILD A NEW LIFE!

IT'S YOUR SECOND CHANCE, ROLF! I BET YOU WON'T WASTE IT!


DUCKBURG, A FEW DAYS LATER...
EVERYONE TAKE YOUR SEAT! IT'S ABOUT TO START!
I'M SO CURIOUS! EVERY OPENING CEREMONY IS SPECTACULAR, BUT THEY'VE DONE GREAT THINGS FOR THESE OLYMPICS!
WOULDN'T BE BAD TO ORGANIZE SOMETHING LIKE THAT HERE IN DUCKBURG! I'D LIKE TO SEE THE OLYMPIC CAULDRON BURN FOR ONE MONTH STRAIGHT...
CONGRATULATIONS! I DIDN'T THINK YOU LOVED SPORTS THAT MUCH!
WHO'S TALKING ABOUT SPORTS? I WAS ONLY THINKING ABOUT THE BILL! I OWN THE GAS COMPANY!
HOLD IT! THE OLYMPICS CAN'T START! WE'RE MISSING DONALD!
RELAX, FETHRY! UNCA DONALD'S AT HIS USUAL SPOT!

ON HIS HAMMOCK!
YAWN! JUST START WITHOUT ME! I'LL JOIN YOU AFTER ONE LAST NAP!
GOLD MEDAL FOR SNOOZING! IF THERE WERE OLYMPICS OF LAZINESS WE'D HAVE A CHAMPION IN THE FAMILY!
HERE WE GO! LOOK!
LONDON
THE OLYMPIC STADIUM IN LONDON! HOW BEAUTIFUL!
DUCK TV
THAT SLOB DOESN'T KNOW WHAT HE'S MISSING! THERE'S JUST ONE THING I'D LIKE TO KNOW...
... HOW COME HE'S ALWAYS TIRED IF HE NEVER MOVES A FINGER?
FINE